

Scheme of Non-formal education which is being implemented through States/UTs. It provides education of a quality comparable to formal system to children who do not or cannot attend school due to one reason or the other, such as children from school-less habitations, drop-outs, girls and working children.

(b) The scheme covers 10 educationally Backward States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, J&K, Madhya Pradesh Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and areas of urban slums, hilly, desert and tribal areas and areas of concentration of working children in all other States and Union Territories.

Under the scheme part time education is provided to the children at a place and time convenient to the learners. The scheme provides for free teaching learning material to learners. Central assistance is given to States/UTs in the ratio of 50:50 and 90:10 for running co-educational and girls centres respectively. 100% financial assistance is given to Voluntary Agencies for running NFE programmes.

By the end of February, 1992, a total number of 2.75 lakh centres have been sanctioned under the scheme.

(c) In view of (a), the question does not arise.

(d) Under the Non-formal Education Scheme school dropouts can enrol themselves in a Non-formal Education centre to complete their schooling both of primary and upper primary stages.

#### **National Mental Health Programme**

2162. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national Mental Health programme was introduced during the Seventh Five year Plan;

(b) if so, the outcome of the Programme,

(c) the number of people benefited during the last three years; and

(d) whether the programme is likely to continue during the Eighth Five Year Plan period also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major activities undertaken for the programme are as follows:-

(i) 11 Regional Centres/Medical Colleges have been identified under the programme for providing training in basic knowledge and skills in the field of Mental Health to the primary health care physicians and para-medical personnel in different parts of the country.

(ii) A National advisory Group on Mental health was constituted in August, 1988.

(iii) A number of workshops for State level planners and administrators as well as for medical and para-medical personnel were organised.

(iv) Training programme for trainers were organised to help them to initiate PHC level activities in their areas.

(v) Mental Health Act, 1987 has been enacted by the Parliament Rules

under the above Act have also been notified in December, 1990.

- (vi) Support materials for National Mental Health Programme have been developed and widely made available to all States/Union Territories which would serve as guidelines for medical and para-medical personnel.

(c) No reliable data are available in this regard.

(d) Yes, Sir.

#### Quota of Berths at Ahmednagar

2163. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the quota of reserved seats from Ahmednagar to Delhi and Pune in Jhelum Express, Karnataka Express and Goa Express;

(b) whether a demand to increase the quota of A.C. sleeper and second class in the trains bound from Ahmednagar to Delhi has been made;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the quota for Ahmednagar in these three trains;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) The following quotas are available at Ahmednagar in trains towards Delhi:

		A.C 2-tier	1st Class	2nd Class
2627	Karnataka Express	—	—	—
4677	Jhelum Express			
	Upto Jammu	2	—	6
	Upto New Delhi	2	—	32
2701	Goa Express	-	2	2

There is no quota at Ahmednagar towards Pune.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Due to full utilisation of quotas at the existing quota holding stations, there is no proposal to increase the quota at Ahmednagar for Delhi at present.

#### Wastelands Development Schemes

2164. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:  
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR  
PATEL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the name of districts covered under the Integrated Wastelands Development Schemes;

(b) the targets set for this projects, district-wise, during each of the last three years; year wise and the extent to which these targets have been achieved;

(c) the target set for 1992-93, state-wise; and

(d) the districts which are proposed to be included under the project during the Eighth Five Year Plan?